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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 28, 2000

1. Call to order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:56 p.m. on September 28, 2000, at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue 26, Los Angeles, California.

Comments were made by the Chair regarding Daniel Preece's attendance as the designee for Mary Nichols.

2. Roll call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Jerome Daniel, Daniel Preece, Michael Berger, Vice Chair, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chair. The following members were absent: Arthur Eck, Edward Albert, Lindsey Kozberg, Steve Horn, and Jeffrey Schwartz. Quorum present.

3. Roll call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Lesley Devine, David Green, Terre Hirsch, John Karayan, Clare Marter Kenyon, Linda Palmer, Anthony Portantino, Don Robinson, Paul Rockenstein, Bruce Saito, Kenneth Warner, Timothy Wendler, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chair. The following members arrived subsequent to roll call: Rick Putnam and Mark Johnson. The following members were absent: Dave Brown, Kathy Caldwell, Thomas Hasse, Patrick Hunter, Charles McKenney, and Fran Pavley. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief of Legal and Real Estate Division; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief Ranger, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA);

Kathleen Bullard, Director of Los Angeles River Center, MRCA; Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation, MRCA; Elsa Luna, Chief of Finance and Administration, MRCA; Mark Shores, Project Analyst II, MRCA; and Colby Allerton, Board Secretary, MRCA.

Representing the Office of Attorney General was Nedra Austin.

4. Reports

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chairperson.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from staff counsel Laurie Collins.

Comments were made by the Chair.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Kathleen Bullard, Director of Los Angeles River Center, MRCA.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation, MRCA.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Walt Young, Chief Ranger of the MRCA.

The Conservancy received a report from Dan Bernstein and Gary Stevens, volunteers for the Mountain Bike Unit.

Questions were propounded by the Chair, Mr. Lange, and Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by Mr. Bernstein, Mr. Stevens, and Mr. Begley.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Executive Director on legislation.

The Executive Director introduced new employee Dan La, accounting department.

5. Special presentation to David Green, retiring member of the Advisory Committee.

The Chair postponed this item until later in the meeting.

6. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Dorian Keyser, member of the public, on top 25 properties on the SMMC 2000 Workprogram.

Michael Tunic, member of the public, on preservation of Briar Summit wildlife corridor.

Laurane Coutin, member of the public, on the Coutin property.

Sybil Scotford, representing Country Open Space Association, on Arroyo Simi-Rocky Pointe property.

Diane Edwardson, representing Community Residents Association for Parks, on the Corralitas Red Car property.

Dan Hassig, member of the public, on item 7(i).

7. Consent Calendar:

- a) Consideration of resolution adopting a records retention policy and recommending the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to adopt the same policy.**
- b) Consideration of resolution waiving first right of refusal for approximately 9.25 acre real property (APN 4450-022-900) owned by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District in the Big Rock area, City of Malibu. [Coastal Zone Item]**
- c) Consideration of resolution approving an application for grant funds for the Compton-Slauson Natural Park from the California Department of Parks and Recreation.**
- d) Consideration of resolution approving an application for grant funds for the Arroyo Seco/Confluence Park from the California Department of Parks and Recreation.**
- e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the County of Los Angeles on Notice of Consultation for Conditional Use Permit Application No. 00-129, a church complex, located at 30188 West Mulholland Highway, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- f) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the County of Los Angeles on Notice of Consultation for Oak Tree Permit No. 98-128 in Zuma County Significant Ecological Area Buffer, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**
- g) Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to award a grant to Art Share Los Angeles for improvements to the River Garden Park and such budget amendments as may be necessary.**

- h) Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to augment the grant to Artshare Los Angeles for improvements to the Compton-Slauson Natural Park and such budget amendments as may be necessary.**
- i) Consideration of resolution finding that the State Coastal Conservancy's proposed Topanga Lagoon and Watershed Restoration Feasibility Study is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Workprogram, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 31117 and 31251.2(d) [Coastal Zone Item]**

Comments were made by the Executive Director correcting typographical errors on the resolution for item 7(h).

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 00-97, 00-98, 00-99, 00-100, 00-101, 00-102, 00-103, 00-104, and 00-105.

(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)

- 8. Consideration of resolution adopting the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Workprogram 2000 prioritizations based upon the Land Acquisition Evaluation Criteria. [Coastal Zone Item]**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman, Ms. Skei, the Executive Director, Mr. Berger, and the Chair.

A motion was made for staff recommendation by Mr. Daniel, who then withdrew his motion.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Wendler, the Chair, Mr. Portantino, Ms. Briner-Schmidt, and Mr. Rockenstein.

Comments were made by Ms. Devine, the Executive Director, Mr. Ed Hayduk, Mr. Edelman, Mr. Karayan, Mr. Portantino, Ms. Briner Schmidt, Mr. Wendler, the Chair, Ms. Briner-Schmidt, and Mr. Green.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Marter Kenyon, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-106.

A motion was made for staff recommendation by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel, the Executive Director, and the Chair.

The Chair postponed voting on this item until after closed session.

9. Consideration of resolution adopting Park Improvement and Development Projects Evaluation Criteria. [Coastal Zone Item]

The Chair announced that this item was deferred.

10. Consideration of resolution to exercise first right of refusal on Los Angeles County tax defaulted properties, and authorize the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, as the designee of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, to acquire tax defaulted properties in unincorporated Los Angeles County (APNs 4455-009-006, 2812-010-014, 2821-012-012, 2827-029-013, 2840-002-021, 2840-004-026, 2865-019-012, 3210-010-004, 3247-018-034, 3247-026-017, 3247-026-034, 3247-036-006, 3247-036-008, 3247-036-009, 3247-036-017, 3247-036-018, 3247-036-021, 3247-036-023, 3247-036-024, 3272-018-001, 3272-018-015, 4434-013-016, 4448-009-018, 4453-001-022, and 4461-003-006), City of Los Angeles (APN 2174-007-021), and City of Calabasas (APN 2064-025-002). [Coastal Zone Item]

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Executive Director, and Mr. Edelman.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-108.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-108.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 11. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of 68 plus or minus acres located east of Jefferson Boulevard and north of and adjacent to Culver City Park, in the Baldwin Hills, Culver City, APNs 4204-007-004 through 9; 4204-007-012 through 18; 4204-008-073; 4204-013-015, 016, 019, 036, and 038; 4204-014-011, 012, and 014; owner Vista Pacifica Homes, LLC, a California limited liability company. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c) (7) (A) of the Government Code.)***

The Chair announced that this item would be discussed in closed session.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Robinson.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins, the Executive Director, Mr. Begley, Mr. Berger, and Mr. Preece.

- 12. Consideration of resolution accepting transfer of Corral Canyon Park (approximately 339 acres, APNs 4459-007-900, 4459-007-901, 4459-009-900, 4459-009-901, 4459-010-900, 4459-011-900) from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, subject to approval of the State Coastal Conservancy pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 33203.5. [Coastal Zone Item]**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-110.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-110.

Comments were made by the Executive Director regarding the procedural desirability of having the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority vote on its related Corral Canyon Park item before the Conservancy voted on its item.

Mr. Berger conducted the vote for the MRCA item, which was approved.

Comments were made by the Chair.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-110.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to augment the budget for the River Garden Park.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Green.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Green, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-111.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-111.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permit Application No. 2000-01647-AOA, Porter Ranch, City of Los Angeles.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Devine and Mr. Edelman.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Devine, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-112.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-112.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

15. Consideration of resolution adopting a policy allowing the Chairperson, upon recommendation of the Executive Director, to authorize State Coastal Conservancy projects pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 31117. [Coastal Zone Item]

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Lange and Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Marter Kenyon, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-113.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-113.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing the continued use of the established parking fee at Temescal Gateway Park.

The Executive Director presented a new verbal staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Marter Kenyon.

Comments were made by the Chair and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-114 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-114 as amended.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

17. Consideration of resolution assigning the right to accept an approximately 11-acre dedication (Lot 56 of Tract No. 34567) in the Shadow Hills area, City of Los Angeles, to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Robinson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-115.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-115.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 18. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept the approximately 74-acre Equity Residential Properties dedication (APNs 2821-013-017 and 2821-024-007), Devil Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-116.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-116.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

19. Minutes

No minutes were presented.

- 20. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Village Properties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.* BS063464; *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al.*; *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.* BC225037; *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.* BC230410; *Mirharooni v. State of California.***

The Chair called a closed session at 10:18 p.m. pursuant to Section 11126 *et seq.* of the Government Code to discuss item 8, item 11, and Mulholland Associates, Gateway Southeast from the Workprogram.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 11:22 p.m. and announced that the Conservancy received a report regarding negotiations concerning item 11 and a report on the action plan for the top 25 properties of item 8; instructions to negotiators were given regarding item 11 and the top 25 properties of item 8.

8. Consideration of resolution adopting the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Workprogram 2000 prioritizations based upon the Land Acquisition Evaluation Criteria. [Coastal Zone Item]

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-106.

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11. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of 68 plus or minus acres located east of Jefferson Boulevard and north of and adjacent to Culver City Park, in the Baldwin Hills, Culver City, APNs 4204-007-004 through 9; 4204-007-012 through 18; 4204-008-073; 4204-013-015, 016, 019, 036, and 038; 4204-014-011, 012, and 014; owner Vista Pacifica Homes, LLC, a California limited liability company. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c) (7) (A) of the Government Code.)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-109.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-109.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

5. Special presentation to David Green, retiring member of the Advisory Committee.

The Executive Director presented the staff presentation for this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Green.

17. Members comments on matters not on the Agenda.

The Chair announced Kenneth Warner's birthday.

18. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

Comments were made by the Executive Director regarding the date of the next meeting, and potentially changing the scheduled monthly date to a Monday.

Comments were made by Ms. Marter Kenyon, the Chair, and Ms. Briner-Schmidt.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m. in memory of David Green.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH CHEADLE
Chairperson